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## Man Charged with Stealing Marilyn Monroe Statue in Hollywood

A Glendale man was charged today with stealing a Marilyn Monroe statue from a public art sculpture in Hollywood last week, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Austin Mikel Clay (dob 11/28/93) faces one felony count each of grand theft of property valued at more than \$950 and vandalism causing over \$400 in damage in case BA478883.

He is expected to be arraigned tomorrow in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

On the night of June 16, Clay is accused of climbing the sculpture at Hollywood Boulevard and La Brea Avenue and sawing off the statue that topped the artwork. The property is owned by the City of Los Angeles, according to the complaint.

The defendant was arrested on June 21 at his home.

He faces a possible maximum sentence of three years in county jail if convicted as charged.

Prosecutors are recommending that bail be set at \$45,000.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Hollywood Division.

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